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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Indian Affairs

Submission of Information Collection to Office of Management and Budget

AGENCY: Bureau of Indian Affairs, Interior.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: In compliance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, the Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA) is submitting this information collection request to the Office of Management and Budget for review and renewal. The collection is: 25 CFR 151 Land Acquisitions, 1076–0100.

DATES: Comments must be received on or before February 17, 2004, to be assured of consideration.

ADDRESSES: Comments should be sent to the Desk Officer for the Department of the Interior at the Office of Management and Budget. You may submit comments either by telefacsimile at (202) 395–6566, or by e-mail to *OIRA_DOCKET@omb.eop.gov.* Please send a copy to Pearl Chanar, Bureau of Indian Affairs, Division of Real Estate Services, Mail Stop 4513–MIB, 1849 C Street, NW., Washington, DC 20240–0001.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Interested persons may obtain a copy of the information collection request without charge by contacting Pearl Chanar at (202) 219–6410.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 provides an opportunity for interested parties to comment on proposed information collection requests. This collection covers 25 CFR 151 as presently approved. The request contains (1) Type of review, (2) title, (3) summary of the collection, (4) respondents, (5) frequency of collection, (6) reporting and record keeping requirements and (7) reason for response.

A **Federal Register** notice was published October 29, 2003 (68 FR 61690). No comments were received. However, based on our review during a revision to the rule that was later withdrawn, we recognize that our data should reflect that review. We have changed our numbers accordingly. The number of respondents has been reduced from 9,200 to 1,000. We have increased the burden hours per applicant to reflect the work that Tribes and individuals submit on NEPA in order to hasten the review of their requests. The burden hours remain 36,800.

25 CFR 151—Land Acquisitions

Type of review: Extension of a currently approved collection.

Title: 25 CFR 151, Acquisition of Title to Land in Trust.

Summary: The Secretary of the Interior has statutory authority to acquire lands in trust status for individual Indians and federally recognized Indian tribes. The Secretary requests information in order to identify the party(ies) involved and a description of the land in question. Respondents are Native American tribes or individuals who request acquisition of real property into trust status. The Secretary also requests additional information necessary to satisfy those pertinent factors listed in 25 CFR 151.10 or 151.11. The information is used to determine whether or not the Secretary will approve an applicant's request. No specific form is used, but respondents supply information and data, in accordance with 25 CFR 151, so that the Secretary may make an evaluation and determination in accordance with established Federal factors, rules and policies.

Frequency of Collection: One Time.

Description of Respondents: Native American Tribes and Individuals desiring acquisition of lands in trust status.

Total Respondents: 1,000.

Total Annual Responses: 1,000.

Total Annual Burden Hours: 36,800 hours.

Reason for response: Required to obtain or retain benefits.

The Bureau of Indian Affairs solicits comments in order to:

(1) Evaluate whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the bureau, including whether the information will have practical utility;

(2) Evaluate the bureau's estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used;

(3) Enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and

(4) Minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who are to respond. Any public comments will be addressed in the Bureau of Indian Affairs' submission of the information collection request to the Office of Management and Budget.

We will not sponsor nor conduct a request for information, and you need not respond to such a request unless there is a valid OMB Control Number.

Please note that comments are open to public review; if you wish to have your name and address withheld from the reviewing public, you must state so prominently at the beginning of your comments. We will honor your request to the limit of the appropriate laws. All comments from businesses or their representatives will be available for public review. We may decide to withhold information for other reasons.

The Office of Management and Budget has between 30 and 60 days to make a decision about this information collection request; therefore, comments received closer to 30 days have a better chance of being considered.

Dated: January 6, 2004.

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Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary—Indian Affairs.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

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Notice of Public Meeting

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of public meeting.

SUMMARY: On January 6, 2004, the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) published in the **Federal Register** (Vol. 69, 569–570) a Notice of Availability of the draft environmental impact statement (Draft EIS) for Proposed Regulatory Revisions to Grazing Regulations for the Public Lands and an announcement of public meetings. BLM originally planned to hold 5 public meetings to provide opportunities for the public to ask questions and provide comments about the issues and alternatives considered in the Draft EIS. Due to public interest BLM is announcing another meeting in Billings Montana.

DATES: The meeting will be held on Monday, February 2, 2004 at the Holiday Inn Grand Montana, 5500 Midland Road Billings, Montana. The meeting will begin at 6 p.m. and end at approximately 10 p.m. The public comment period will end on March 2, 2004.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Molly S. Brady, Project Coordinator, at